



## State Park and Recreation Commission

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**STAFF REPORT:** Legislative Update

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**SUBJECT:** California Legislation

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### Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and status of bills that affect California State Parks. Information contained in this report is accurate as of April 15, 2019. Changes in status of some bills or introduction of new bills may occur between the date this report was prepared and the Commission meeting date.

### **CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE**

#### **Senate Bill 8 (Glazer): State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.**

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit smoking throughout the State Park System, additionally requiring the Department to post signage throughout the State Park System to inform the public of the smoking ban prior to enforcement. This bill would also establish a fine of up to \$25 for smoking violations however, this fine does not include additional local jurisdiction fees, which vary by county.

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Senate Appropriations Committee – Passed (Ayes:6 Noes:0)  
Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee – Passed (Ayes:7 Noes:2)

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#### **Senate Bill 404 (Chang): State parks: Chino Hills State Park: expansion.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to provide assistance to acquire four specified parcels adjacent to Chino Hills State Park and to accept and manage each acquired parcel as part of Chino Hills State Park, as defined.

**Status:** Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee  
Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee – Passed (Ayes:9 Noes:0)

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**Senate Bill 593 (Umberg): Specialized license plates: professional sports.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to sponsor a professional sports franchise license plate program. Additionally, this bill would require the Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with each interested California professional sports franchise, to secure authorization to utilize their logo, emblem, or trademark in a California license plate design.

**Status:** Senate Transportation Committee Hearing – April 23, 2019

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**Senate Bill 719 (Hueso): Veterans: exemption from reservation fees to use state park facilities.**

**Summary:** This bill would exempt Distinguished Veteran Pass holders from paying reservation fees when making camping reservations in State Parks.

**Status:** Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee – Passed (Ayes:9 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 209 (Limón): Parks: environmental education: grant program.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program (Program) to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences in State Parks and throughout the state. This bill would authorize the Director to receive and solicit donations and private funding to support the Program, as defined. This bill specifies that the Department will not commence any program development activities until adequate funds are collected. This bill stipulates that General Fund cannot be used to support the program and identifies donations as the sole funding source for the grant program.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:11 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 336 (Mathis): State parks: park entrance fees: waivers: 4th grade children.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to waive day use entrance fees in State Parks for 4th graders with a federal “Every Kid in a Park” pass. This fee waiver would also provide free entrance for all passengers in the vehicle where day use is a per vehicle fee and for up to three adults and all accompanying children under 15 years of age where per person entrance fees are charged. Additionally, this bill would require the Department to post on its website information on how to obtain the federal “Every Kid in a Park” pass and the internet link to the pass.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:14 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 467 (Boerner Horvath): Competitions on state property: prize compensation: gender equity.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to ensure any competitive event held on State Park property with gender categories must provide equal prize awards for the competitors – prize awards for men and women must be identical.

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee –  
Passed (Ayes:6 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 556 (Carrillo): Outdoor experiences: community access program: grant program.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to develop a community access program to maximize safe and equitable access to natural and cultural resources, and community education programs, as defined. Additionally, this bill would authorize the Natural Resources Agency to develop a grant program within a state department to fund innovative transportation projects to provide low-income and disadvantaged youth access to outdoor experiences, as defined.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:12 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 783 (Bigelow): State parks: American River Parkway: concessionaires.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to meet and negotiate with existing whitewater concessionaires on the South, Middle, and North Forks of the American River, to find a contractual solution that will protect the natural resources of the American River Parkway, while allowing those existing businesses to continue operating. The bill also requires the Department to develop a pathway to statutory compliance for these existing concessionaires by January 1, 2026.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:14 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 1067 (Bigelow): Public lands: Department of Parks and Recreation: wildfire management plan: wildland-urban interface.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to develop and implement wildfire management plans throughout the State Park System for all property under the Department's jurisdiction, by January 1, 2023, as defined.

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee Hearing – April 22, 2019  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:14 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 1111 (Friedman): Outdoor recreation: Office of Outdoor Recreation: California Outdoor Recreation Account.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation (Office). The bill would require the Office to support California's outdoor recreation economy, serve as the central point of contact for the outdoor recreation industry and providers, recommend statewide outdoor recreation policies, and foster communication between governmental agencies, private industry, and communities providing outdoor recreation products and services, as defined. This bill would also require the Office to establish an advisory committee to provide advice, expertise, and support to the Office, as defined.

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:13 Noes:0)

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**Assembly Bill 1269 (Rubio): Park property: City of El Monte: Pioneer Park.**

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the City of El Monte to sell or dispose of all or a portion of Pioneer Park so the property can be utilized for transit-oriented development if certain requirements are met.

**Status:** Assembly Local Government Committee Hearing – April 24, 2019

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**Assembly Bill 1680 (Limón): Coastal lands: coastal access plan: Hollister Ranch.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Coastal Commission, in collaboration with the Department, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the State Lands Commission, to develop a new coastal access plan for Hollister Ranch in Santa Barbara County, by April 1, 2020, as defined. Additionally, this bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to report every five years on potential in-lieu fee adjustments in an amount sufficient to fund implementation of the new coastal access plan for Hollister Ranch.

**Status:** Assembly Natural Resources Committee Hearing – April 22, 2019

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**Assembly Bill 1718 (Levine): State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.**

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit smoking on state coastal beaches and throughout the State Park System, as defined. This bill would also establish a fine of up to \$25 for smoking violations however, this fine does not include additional local jurisdiction fees, which vary by county.

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee – Passed (Ayes:10 Noes:4)

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**Commission Action**

For information only

**Attachments**

None